



## Calendar

### February

09 Feb: Parents Evening via phone calls, 4.00 - 6.00 pm (surnames N-Z)

11 Feb: Parents Evening via phone calls, 4.00 - 6.00 pm (surnames A-M)

13 Feb: School closes @3.00 pm for half-term

15-19 Feb: Feb half-term holiday

22 Feb: Back to school

### March

04 Mar: World Book Day

19 Mar: Comic Relief Day

## Note from the Head teacher

Dear Broomhill families,

On our first day back, 4th January an INSET day, I had no idea what lay ahead for our school community. On Sunday 3rd January the Prime Minister announced that all schools were safe and children should return, - one day later at 8pm we were all told to close schools to most children.

In absolute honesty we all had no idea that he would make that announcement. It is my view that he wasn't intending to 'close' schools until late in the day when, I assume, new data was presented to him.

With the situation in the country, I think it was the right decision, far too late to make the judgement though, which gave us very short notice to organise everything. We were anticipating stricter rules which is why we asked on Monday 4th for an indication of the need for critical worker places.

So as it is, we are where we are and we've had nine days of the current reality and due to lack of clarity in guidance and messages, there is quite a fractured approach amongst schools. Again, in all honesty, the government has not helped by starting off insisting that every child of every critical worker should have a place then, latterly, changing this to a stronger message along the lines of, only send your child to school if you absolutely need a place.

Remote learning is an area that is developing and it is crucial that we establish the right balance of focus on school between the children who are physically in the building and those who are accessing remote education. We've had an incredible number of messages of support and thanks for the remote provision. It is a new phenomenon for Broomhill staff providing for both groups of children because we managed to keep everyone in school in the Autumn term.

Remote education is a developing and changing concept; across Sheffield and nationwide and there are inconsistencies between schools. Every school's context is different, some like us have a large number of critical workers, others have a higher proportion of vulnerable children, some schools have a huge staff, others like us have a smaller staff. We are all different. Some schools are offering regular on-line sessions whilst others aren't in a position to offer catch up or welfare calls. It is the same with school work... some schools are only able to provide paper support packs whilst some, like ours, are able to support learning with recorded videos by school staff. Sustainability and burn - out may also be an issue in the future in many settings. Please be assured that the well being of all Broomhill staff is my key priority.

What I'd like to finish with... is to say that Broomhill staff, like many others, are working incredibly hard and going beyond the extra mile to ensure those being educated remotely and those children in school are receiving quality learning. We are all constantly looking at ways that we can improve. We're entering week three of six for this half term, we're all getting used to the current lockdown which is very different to the last lockdown. There is a very different feel and expectation to this and we don't know how long it will continue. We don't have a magic wand and we don't have a huge resource but what I can guarantee wholeheartedly is that we will continue to do our very best for you and your children.

Warmest regards,  
Catherine Timbers

## Google Classroom

Remote learning is working well for our families based at home and feedback about Google Classroom has been very positive. It has been lovely to see so many of the children accessing the Google Meet each morning with their class teachers and classmates. Please continue to access the meeting each morning at 9.15 and complete the work set in the Classwork section. If you have any questions please email Mrs Hawley: shawley@broomhill.sheffield.sch.uk. Thank you.



## Sheffield Get Moving! Lockdown Challenge

The 'Sheffield Get Moving! Lockdown Challenge' has started and we would love for everyone to get involved.

The challenge invites your child to set a target between now and February half term for either:

- Walking a certain distance
- Running a certain distance
- Cycling/ Scooting a certain distance
- Taking part in a particular physical activity for a certain amount of time  
(Example = 15 hours of Yoga - so 30 minutes every day for one month)



The challenge is open to parents and carers as well as children. All you and your child need to do is register for the challenge by completing the 'Free Option' Google Form at the bottom of the following webpage:

<https://www.sheffieldgetmoving.co.uk/shop>

Then over the next 4 weeks, keep a record of your activity using the Activity Log (please see sheet attached). At the end of the challenge, you can submit your total distance or time by completing the simple form on the 'submit evidence' page.

<https://www.sheffieldgetmoving.co.uk/submit-evidence>

At the end of the challenge, a virtual school leader-board will be calculated based on all the scores submitted. All children who complete the challenge will also receive a certificate to recognise your involvement and achievement in completing your pledge!

We looking forward to hearing about your pledges and seeing your progress. You can post updates and photos via Twitter using the hashtags #SheffieldGetMoving

## Message from office

**Milk money due:** If you have signed up your child to receive milk in school at snack times, please pay the school for milk asap.

**Milk refund:** For children not attending school but have paid for milk, a refund will be made for milk for this half-term on return to school after February half-term holidays. Thank you.

**Post of Parent Governor:** In light of the current restrictions, we will be delaying the election of the parent governor. Thank you.